

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- WMU Meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am
- Budget & Finance – Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
- Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30am, ALL are welcome.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting – Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am
- Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:00pm
- Church Council – Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
- Celtic Christmas Music Program – Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm
- Christmas Dinner – NEXT Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after worship (please RSVP).

**POINSETTIAS:** You can still order a potted poinsettia for \$17.00 each. Please fill out a form and place it in one of the red boxes in either foyer.

**CELTIC CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM:** On Friday, Dec. 12th at 5:30pm, we will have a special music performance of the Grace Celtic Musicians, with traditional Christmas favorites to delight you. Please come.

**THE KBC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please place an RSVP form in one of the boxes in either foyer.

**NOUVELET CHAMBER CHOIR** will sing the good news of Christmas for their 14<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas concert **at Kilmarnock United Methodist Church (next door)** on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:00 pm. Wayne Hare, Nouvelet’s new director and Music Director at KUMC, has put together an exciting program of traditional Christmas music, contemporary pieces, and spirituals. The 16 singers, including our own Lynn McCrobie, will be accompanied by 6 talented local musicians. Nouvelet’s concert is a gift to the community, though the Choir will appreciate a donation to help support their music-related philanthropies. This year Nouvelet is supporting the music program at Lancaster public schools.



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Mary Ann Crane, Organist  
Cindy Ferrell, Pianist  
Janet Marshall, Ministry Assistant



*Kilmarnock Baptist Church*

*Welcome to Worship!*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**December 7, 2025**  
**Order of Worship**

*Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.*

Preparation:

*"Peace in Advent is not the absence of noise, but the presence of a still heart waiting for the Light."*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hyfrydol

Welcome and Announcements

Harriett Dawson

Invocation

Harriett Dawson

Call to Worship	<i>God Is Near</i>	John Raney	Hymn of Praise * 76	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
Advent Responsive Reading		Rob and Rainey Paylor	New Testament Reading	Romans 15: 4 and 8-13 (pg. 924)	Edna Mason
Leader: During Advent, we recall God’s promises spoken to us long ago.			Pastoral Prayer		Kevin Crowder
<b>People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.</b>			Offertory Hymn * 78	<i>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</i>	ES IST EIN ROS
Leader: During Advent, we anticipate promises yet to unfold.			Offertory Prayer		Harriett Dawson
<b>People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.</b>			Offertory	<i>Meditation on “Whittle”</i>	Mary Whittle Moody
Leader: During Advent, we recall God’s mighty deeds from ages past.			Doxology		
<b>People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.</b>			Choral Anthem	<i>Advent Kyrie</i>	LANTZ
Leader: During Advent, we recall God’s mighty deeds yet to come.			Gospel Reading	Matthew 3: 1 - 12 (pg. 784)	Kevin Crowder
<b>People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds, you alone are God.</b>			Sermon	<i>“A Signal?”</i>	Kevin Crowder
			Communion		
			The Bread	<i>Hallelujah! What a Savior</i>	J. E. Thomas
			The Cup	<i>Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness</i>	arr: Dan Forrest
			Prayer		Kevin Crowder
			The Lord’s Prayer		
			Invitation Hymn * † 83	<i>Arise, Your Light Is Come</i>	FESTAL SONG
			Benediction		Kevin Crowder
			Choral Benediction	<i>A Christmas Blessing</i>	Arr: John Purifoy
			Chimes	✦ ✦ ✦	
			* If you are able, please stand.		
			† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.		
Old Testament	Isaiah 11: 1-2 and 10 (pg. 558)	Edna Mason			